

WEEDONS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Te Kura o Karamū

Kia uru kahikatea te tū

Let us stand like a grove of kahikatea

01 June 2022 – Term 2– Week 5

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Kia ora,

Diary 2022

2022

02 May – Start of Term 2

03 June - Teacher Only Day
06 Jun – Queens Birthday

21 Jun – Hockey / Soccer
tournament yrs 5/8

24 Jun- Matariki - School
closed

28 Jun – Boccia
28 Jun – Board of Trustees
Meeting

30 Jun- Jump Rope for Heart

04 Jul – Interviews 2pm finish
05 Jul – Interviews 2pm finish

08 Jul – End of Term 2

25 Jul – Start of Term 3
02 Aug – Board of Trustees
Meeting

30 Aug – Board of Trustees
Meeting

27 Sep – Board of Trustees
Meeting

30 Sep – End of Term 3

17 Oct – Start of Term 4

24 Oct – Labour Day
11 Nov – Show Day

16 Dec – Last Day of Term 4

We are still getting a small number of Covid cases across the school with both children and staff being affected. We had a small surge at the start of the term (7 children in a week) which has now settled and we are seeing an average of 2 to 3 cases a week. Most of the time these cases have been isolating at home due to being a household contact. As a school since the beginning of the year we have had 64 children contract Covid (42%) and 10 of our staff. This sits well within the averages reported by other schools. We are still continuing to be vigilant and are pleased to see cases starting to decrease.

We have noticed a few children starting to wear different coloured shorts, pants and socks. Our uniform policy states that the bottom half of the uniform is navy only. Socks don't have to be navy but need to be neutral in colour. This is especially important when children are away representing the school. As we move into winter, thermals may be worn, they need to be navy or black in colour. Your help ensuring children are in the correct uniform is appreciated. Please also ensure all uniform is clearly named, it makes it much easier getting clothing back to children.

Creative play is a great way to foster imagination. We currently have some tyres and bits of wood that the children use to create huts 'bases' along the tree line in the back field. We are looking for some wooden pallets, fence palings, small lengths of plastic pipe, and some plastic bread trays to add to the 'building' materials. If you have any of these that you could donate to the school please email me:

principal@weedons.school.nz

At the last Board meeting Garth Asher stood down as Presiding Member (formerly known as Chair) after 6 years. Jimmy Banks was elected in his place. Garth will continue on as a Board member until the September elections. Kathy Bell (previous Principal), myself, staff, children and community would like to thank Garth for the huge contribution he has made to Weedons school over the past 9 years as a Board member and Chair. He has seen the school grow slightly, worked through a large redevelopment project and been a constant support to the school. Thanks Garth.

Quick reminders

- **Teacher Only Day This Friday** (no children at school)

Kind Regards
Rob Naysmith
Principal

Top Performer – Harakeke – Room 2

Harakeke's second Top Performer for the year is a boy that I am getting to know and appreciate more with every week that passes by ... Jacob B-H. It has taken time to get to know Jacob as he is incredibly humble about his many abilities and never pushes himself forward, however there has never been any doubt that he has a huge amount to offer.

Jacob holds very high expectations for himself and approaches all his work with commendable conscientiousness. He is mature beyond his years and this is reflected in any conversation that you have with him, as well as in the quality writing that he produces. For one so young, his vocabulary is impressive while his turns of phrase are very well chosen. Jacob is an avid reader who loves a great series, while in maths there is no stopping him. He is quick to grasp any new concept or method and is always eager for more.

Academics aside, Jacob is a great team player who will work positively alongside anyone and everyone. He willingly shares his well thought through ideas while also listening to, and being supportive of, others. I am also really enjoying seeing Jacob's sense of humour increasingly come through, accompanied by his growing confidence and self-belief. I know he will continue to go from strength to strength. Congratulations, Jacob, you thoroughly deserve this award of Top Performer.

SPORT

On Tuesday mornings for the rest of term we have Denise and Becky from Selwyn Netball coming into school to take some large ball and netball skills with our students. This is our first session this week and Room 6 had a great time. We look forward to the coming weeks.



Zone Cross Country 2022 Report by Greta, Willow and Lachie

On Tuesday the 31st it was the Selwyn School Cross-Country Zones. The event was held at the Nga Puna Wai race track for the first time. All students showed great Weedons Way values and tried their best, and all said they had an awesome day.

We would like to thank the parents for providing transport and supervision on the day. We cannot do these events without your support.

The students who placed in the top 6 have qualified for Canterbury's.

Well done; Greta 3rd, Romeo 4th and Eleanor 5th. We would like to wish them all good luck and to wear the Weedons logo with pride.

Lost Property



Wow our pile is growing huge, with this in mind please ensure any item of clothing is named! Also remember to check after washing that we can still clearly see a name. Lost property is located in the sick bay, please send your child/ren to come and locate their clothing.

Friends of Weedons



Monday Subway and Sushi –Place your order in Kindo BEFORE 9am on a Monday morning.



Friday Lunches

Sausage – Pie – Cookie - Juice

Place your order in Kindo BEFORE 8am Friday morning.



ORDER your **FROZEN FRIDAY** now for collection after school on Friday, outside the friends shed.